

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MINUTES**

May 16, 2012

Preceding the special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, a public hearing was held to obtain public comment on the 2013 Kentucky State Road Aid Funds. The hearing was opened by Jim Seibert, Fiscal Director, at 5:30 p.m. and he explained that Campbell County would receive \$751,447 in county road aid funds and anticipates receiving \$63,765 in county road aid funds for the unincorporated area of Claryville. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:34 p.m.

A special meeting of the Campbell County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Administration Building, Fiscal Court Chambers, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance at the meeting were:

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE:
STEVE PENDERY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
PETE GARRETT
BRIAN PAINTER
KENNETH RECHTIN

Robert Horine	County Administrator
Melissa Williams	Director of Administration
Jim Seibert	Fiscal Director
Paula Spicer	Fiscal Court Clerk
Steve Franzen	County Attorney
Colonel Keith Hill	Campbell County Police Chief
Linda Eads	Occupational Tax Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judge Pendery. Cable Access was present to film the meeting.

Judge Pendery asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

Minutes from the Fiscal Court regular meeting of May 2, 2012 were presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. The minutes from the Mayors' meeting of April 24, 2012 were then presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the minutes. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Judge Pendery invited comments from the public. There being no comments and no old business to attend to, Judge Pendery proceeded to new business.

Melissa Williams read Resolution R-49-12 by title and summary given. R-49-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services/KCTCS for fiscal year 2012 ambulance service grant funding. Campbell County will receive funding in the amount of \$10,169.49 which will be divided among the ambulance/rescue services in the County. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-49-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Resolution R-52-12 was read by title and summary given. R-52-12 authorizes payment for water rescue services. This payment is made to the Boone County Fiscal Court for the provision of water rescue/recovery services; the annual payment this year has increased from \$36,000 to \$39,000. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to adopt R-52-12, seconded by Judge Pendery. Commissioner Rechtin stated that he is agreeable to the increase, but asked Robert Horine if he could get data on the past and present costs and budget for these services. Mr. Horine explained that all funds are strictly used for operating expenses which have gone up. This is the first increase since Campbell County entered into the agreement for these services with Boone County in 2009. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

A motion was requested to appoint Brett Burcham to the position of Tax Compliance Officer with the Campbell County Fiscal Department effective June 11, 2012 with compensation set at Grade 110, \$44,923 annually (\$24.68 per hour). Mr. Burcham will fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Robert Reinecke. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Ms. Williams requested that the appointment of a seasonal Golf Maintenance Worker be tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was requested to recommend to the Campbell County Local Board of Health the appointment of Richard Schuck, OD to the Northern Kentucky Independent Health Board for a two year term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Judge Pendery explained that it is Campbell County's turn to appoint a chairman to the District Board of Health. Dr. Schuck has served in that capacity before and has also served on the Local Board of Health. Motion was made by Judge Pendery, seconded by Commissioner Rechtin. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Robert Horine presented Resolution R-51-12 by summary and title. R-51-12 authorizes the Judge/Executive to apply for tourism signage through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has expanded use of highway signs to direct visitors to local tourist attractions. Application must be made by a local government agency, and there is a cost for the signs. Mr. Horine stated that in this case there are four local attractions requesting the signs and they are willing to pay for them. He recommends that the Fiscal Court require that those requesting the sign(s) pay for the sign and installation, and that the Fiscal Court agree to maintain the sign(s) for five years as long as the attraction continues to meet minimum requirements of the program. Commissioner Rechtin made a motion to adopt R-51-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Robert Horine requested a motion to meet in executive session at the end of regular business pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(e) collective bargaining negotiations between public employers and their employees or their representatives. He advised that no action will be taken after the executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Steve Franzen wished to recognize Campbell County Police Officers Tom Lakes and Marty Hart. He had occasion to work with them recently under difficult circumstances and appreciated their professionalism.

Jim Seibert presented Resolution R-50-12 by title and summary. R-50-12 adopts and approves the execution of a County Road Aid Coop Program Contract between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, as provided by the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System. The Contract is in the amount of \$450,868 to be used for maintenance, repairs and improvements to county roads. Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adopt R-50-12, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed. Mr. Seibert advised that he received notification today of road funds for the unincorporated area of Claryville and the resolution and contract for that funding will be presented at the next meeting.

Ordinance O-06-12 was read by title and summary. O-06-12 relates to the annual budget and appropriations of Campbell County, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (FY13). Judge Pendery announced that they will not vote on this ordinance until the next meeting. Mr. Seibert explained that the ordinance must first be approved by the State Local Finance Officer, and will be scheduled for a second reading at the June 20 meeting. Judge Pendery gave a broad outline of the proposed budget. He stated that the Fiscal Court anticipates a 2% growth in key revenue areas such as payroll and business license fees. The County has about 90 sources of revenue most of which do not adjust for inflation. In order to generate revenue, local governments must increase fees or adjust the rate for property taxes. He stated that the County hopes to get about 4% more money from property tax revenues to cover inflation-driven increased costs of the County. The County continues to keep expenditures flat and tries to avoid service cuts to the public. Judge Pendery used charts to demonstrate the spending per resident by full-service governments in Campbell County, and the percentage of the property tax bill that actually goes to the Fiscal Court. After no salary increases for three years for most county employees and a significant increase in their share of medical insurance premiums, the proposed budget allows for a 3% cost-of-living wage increase. This will partially off-set the increased expenses that employees are bearing. Judge Pendery stated that the County projects a budget deficit of \$2.1 million. He listed some of the factors considered when preparing the budget. He stated that they expect to have a balanced budget by the end of the year. Judge Pendery then listed some capital projects that will be undertaken if funds are available. Robert Horine advised that the proposed budget will be available online on Thursday (May 17) morning. Commissioner Painter pointed out that the first chart shown by Judge Pendery showed how the Fiscal Court compares with spending per resident among local governments across all three northern Kentucky counties. Commissioner Garrett pointed out that the increases in pension costs are mandated by the State; the County has no control over those costs. Judge Pendery advised that he recently read that Kentucky is among the worst in funding its pension plans according to a study using a new

accounting principal. This same article stated that businesses considering relocation are for the first time considering the funding level of state pension plans for fear that inadequate funding will inevitably drive up taxes in that state.

A motion was requested to adopt the annual standing order to pre-approve certain recurring expenses. Motion was made by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

Mr. Seibert then requested a motion to approve the claims and supplemental claims as presented for May 16, 2012. County Attorney Steve Franzen stated that he has reviewed the claims and that they all appear appropriate. Motion was made by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Commissioner Rehtin recused himself from voting to approve any payments made to Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, his employer. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

The Fiscal Court then met in executive session pursuant to motion previously made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Painter to adjourn the executive session. All voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Fiscal Court, Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Painter. All voted "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Attachments:

- Resolution R-49-12 Accept funds from Ky. Board of Emergency Medical Services
- Resolution R-52-12 Authorize annual payment for water rescue/recovery services
- Resolution R-51-12 Application to Ky. Transportation Cabinet for Tourism Signage
- Resolution R-50-12 Adopt/Approve FY13 County Road Aid Coop
- Ordinance O-06-12 Fiscal Year 2013 Budget
- Claims and Supplemental Claims May 16, 2012

Approved:

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

Attest:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk